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Docket No.: 392.1717

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takeshi OKADA

Serial No.

Group Art Unit:

Confirmation No.

Filed: June 8, 2001

Examiner:

For: JOINT STRUCTURE OF ROBOT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the pending claims in accordance with the following:

3. The joint structure of a robot according to claim 1, wherein said first and second members of the robot have a hollow structure inside, and said casing and said rotating member are provided with through holes around their common axis so that wiring and/or piping is secured inside the joint.

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